

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20th, 2014

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Andy West, Bob Casinghino, Celt Grant, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (Secretary). All were active voters.

At 7:35 Peter opened the Public Hearing on applications 2014-01-1 and 2014-02-1 filed by Clarence on behalf of the Common Renovation Committee to remove the flagpole from the monument in front of the Town Hall and install a new flagpole further to the West.

As no member of the public was present Peter closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:36.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of February and made 2 corrections. Celt motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Old applications

Application 2014-02-1 by Clarence on behalf of the Common Renovation Committee to remove the flagpole from the monument in front of the Town Hall. Clarence amended the application to plug the hole in the monument with special cement. The motivation is to reduce costs.

While the removal of the flag pole is not desirable in itself, it appears to be absolutely necessary to preserve the monument. Thus Bob motioned to approve the amended application and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

Application 2014-01-1 by Clarence on behalf of the Common Renovation Committee to install a new flagpole to the West of the monument in front of the Town Hall. This flagpole would be shorter than the current one and its precise location is still unknown. Andy made a motion to approve the application and issue a certificate of appropriateness with the condition that the location of the new flagpole be approved by the HDC before its installation. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

New Applications

Glenn Hasting has mailed an application for a certificate of appropriateness to install a seamless aluminum gutter on the West side of the house at 8 South Royalston Rd.

The commission consulted photo archives and saw that aluminum gutters were already installed on most of the house.

Bob motioned to approve the application for consideration, without calling for a public hearing. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2014-03-1.

Other commission matters

Jim Kelley has sent a letter to the Town authorities, including the HDC, on the issue of the rental of his house on the Common to a contractor working on bridges for Mass DOT. According to the building inspector this violates the zoning bylaw. This matter does not require action from the HDC.

Helen Divoll queried the commission about the possible temporary installation of LED lights on the outside on the Town Hall. The commission thought that a formal application would be necessary.

Internal commission matters

Historic District Boundary Signs. Pierre reported that 2" galvanized metal poles were affordable (about \$60 each). This was thought to be the way forward. Pierre and Celt will look for a method to

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attach the poles to the signs. Also with the help of Helen Divoll, it was noticed that the \$1500 appropriated by the Town Meeting for the project had not been carried on the 2014 books. Pierre will contact the Town accountant.

Meeting adjourned

Pierre made a motion to close the meeting. Celt seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P.A. Humblet". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary

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Meeting Agenda

April 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Royalston Town Hall

- Reading and approval of minutes
- Old Applications: Application 2014-03-1 to install a gutter on the West side of the house at 8 South Royalston Rd
- New Applications: As they may be filed at the meeting.
- Internal HDC Matters: Correspondence, Financial items, other internal matters
- Other Commission Matters: Historic District boundary signs
- Other non-anticipated issues that may come before the commission